

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Deployment of Wireline Services Offering)	
Advanced Telecommunications Capability)	CC Docket No. 98-147
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And)	
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Implementation of the Local Competition)	CC Docket No. <u>96-98</u>
Provisions of the Telecommunications Act)	
Of 1996)	

ORDER

Adopted: March 4, 2004

Released: March 4, 2004

By the Chief, Competition Policy Division:

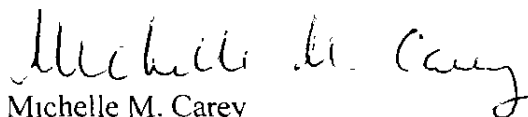
1 On March 8, 2001, BellSouth Corporation (BellSouth) filed a Petition for Reconsideration, seeking reconsideration of the Commission's *Third Report and Order on Reconsideration* in the above referenced proceeding.¹ BellSouth specifically requested reconsideration of the *Report and Order* on the issue of converting an existing line sharing arrangement to a line splitting arrangement. On March 1, 2004, BellSouth filed a Letter requesting that its petition for reconsideration be withdrawn because it no longer wishes to pursue its petition.² In this Order, we grant BellSouth's request to withdraw and dismiss the petition.

¹ *In the Matter of Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability and Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, CC Docket Nos. 98-147 and 96-98, *Third Report and Order on Reconsideration* in CC Docket No. 98-147, *Fourth Report and Order on Reconsideration* in CC Docket No. 96-98, 16 FCC Rcd 2101 (2001).

² Letter from Stephen L. Earnest, Regulatory Counsel, BellSouth, to Marlene H. Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket Nos. 96-98, 98-147 (filed March 1, 2004).

2 ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority delegated under sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that BellSouth's request to withdraw the above-captioned petition IS GRANTED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Michelle M. Carey
Chief, Competition Policy Division